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TOPIC Soviet V-2 Launching Bases

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1. A number of newspaper articles have been published recently on the alleged construction of V-missile launching bases in the Soviet Zone of Germany and Czechoslovakia. Following are quotations from some of the more important:

a. "Radar posts have been set up on the Greifswald Oie and on the Island of Poel. These stations serve the purpose of steering the experimental rockets launched over the Baltic Sea from the area of LENINGRAD." ("Sozialdemokrat," BERLIN, 28 September 1949).

b. "So far, five stationary launching sites have been constructed and six more are under construction. Several of the bases are said to have three rocket sites. Of the five bases already available, two are said to be located in Mecklenburg and to be directed against South Sweden, one is allegedly located in Thuringia, the Rhine River crossings between COLOGNE and DUESSELDORF and the Schelde estuary being its target, and another is directed against the Brenner Pass from Czechoslovakia." ("Die Tat," ZURICH, 27 September 1949)

c. "According to an article published in "STOCKHOLM's TIDNINGEN," a long chain of rocket launching sites stretches through the province (the Soviet-occupied part of East Prussia). This chain originates on the Islands of Dagoe and Cesel in the Bay of Riga, runs along the Baltic coast as far as STETTIN, and is continued by the installations set up in the Soviet Zone of Germany, particularly in the Isle of Ruegen." ("Die Welt," HAMBURG, 21 October 1949)

2. These newspaper reports were confirmed in some points by an report dated 10 September 1949

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"V-missile launching bases are scheduled to be constructed, or are already under construction, at the following points:

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Place:	Direction of Target:
GROENINGEN (L 52/D 37)	COLOGNE (L 51/F 45)
SAT. (apparently abbreviation of a place, name not to be identified)	ESSEN (L 52/A 41)
KLUEDEN (L 53/Y 52)	BOCHUM (L 52/A 52)
ZOBENITZ (L 53/Y 42)	WAMME (L 52/A 52)
	DORTMUND (L 52/A 72)
	HALL (L 52/B 04)."

The [] reported on 28 August 1949 that Rocket Launching Base No 137 was under construction in District No 28 of the HUNTERBORN (L 55/C 81) forest. According to the same source, the improvement of Rocket Launching Base No 148 on the Isle of Poel (L 54/O 40), with DORTMUND, BOCHUM, GROENINGEN (L 52/A 42) and HUNTERBORN (L 52/A 32) as its direction of target, continues.

3. No details on the layout of V-2 launching sites have been received.

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